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Eradication of poverty and other development issues

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 13 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled:

"Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

(b) Women in development;

(c) Human resources development;"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 29th, 30th, 32nd, 33rd, 34th and 39th meetings, on 14, 15 and 23 November and on 2, 7 and 19 December 2005. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/60/SR.29, 30, 32, 33, 34 and 39). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 7th meetings, on 3 to 5 October 2005 (see A/C.2/60/SR.2-7). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report, as follows:

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in four parts, under the symbol A/60/492 and Add.1-3.

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Identical letters dated 18 May 2005 from the representative of Qatar to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly (A/60/79)

Letter dated 5 July 2005 from the representative of Jamaica to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Doha Declaration and Doha Plan of Action adopted by the Second South Summit of the Group of 77, held at Doha, Qatar, from 12 to 16 June 2005 (A/60/111)

Letter dated 24 August 2005 from the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the President of the General Assembly (A/C.2/60/3)

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

Report of the Secretary-General on the centrality of employment to poverty eradication (A/60/314)

Letter dated 11 July 2005 from the representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkey and the United States of America to the Secretary-General (A/60/115)

(b) Women in development

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Women in development: the impact of globalization on women's employment and empowerment" (A/60/162 and Corr.1)

Note verbale dated 9 June 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/60/84)

(c) Human resources development

Report of the Secretary-General on human resources development (A/60/318).

4. At the 29th meeting, on 14 November, the reports were introduced by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (see A/C.2/60/SR.29).

5. At the same meeting, pursuant to section C, paragraph 3 (d), of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Committee held a dialogue with the representatives, during which comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Guyana and France (see A/C.2/60/SR.29).

6. Also at the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made a statement (see A/C.2/60/SR.29).